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THIRD SESSION

REF: USUN 632

1. THIRD SESSION OF COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT (CSTD) ADOPTED WITHOUT VOTE RESOLUTION ON "QUANTIFICATION OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES RELATED TO DEVELOPMENT." FINAL TEXT ESSENTIALLY SAME AS IN REFTEL EXCEPT FOR SLIGHT EDITORIAL CHANGES. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION, REITERATING STATEMENTS MADE DURING INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WHICH PRECEDED ADOPTION, U.S. DELEGATION AND DELEGATIONS FROM MOST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND THE USSR MADE EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE, EXPRESSING STRONG RESERVATIONS ON POSSIBLE EFFECTIVENESS AND DESIRABILITY OF QUANTIFICATION TARGETS TO ACHIEVE TRANSFER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. U.S. DEL INDICATED WE DO NOT REGARD THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION AS AN ADVANCE BEYOND THE REFERENCE TO TARGETS IN SECTION III
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OF RESOLUTION 3362 (S-VII) AND THE OTHER RESOLUTIONS MEN-

TIONED IN PREAMBULAR PART OF RESOLUTION.

2. AS ADVISED BY DEPARTMENT, U.S. DEL STRESSED THAT, ALTHOUGH U.S. IN PRINCIPLE BELIEVES IN QUANTIFICATION, IT REGARDS IT PREMATURE TO ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH DATA SYSTEMS TO QUANTIFY SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT; IT IS ALSO PREMATURE TO CONCLUDE THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF QUANTITATIVE TARGETS IS FEASIBLE OR EVEN DESIRABLE OF THIS STAGE. THE EXPERIENCE OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS THAT IT IS BETTER TO CONSIDER QUANTIFICATION FOR SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE MISSIONS RATHER THAN FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY "PER SE."

3. U.S. DEL INDICATED THAT THE REVISION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (IDS) IS A MATTER FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION IN APPROPRIATE FORUMS AND THAT SERIOUS THOUGHT MUST BE GIVEN TO THE TIMING OF SUCH REVISION. U.S. DEL CONCLUDED THAT USG FULLY SUPPORTS INITIATIVES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNGA AND THAT MAJOR ENDEAVORS FOR PROMOTING DEVELOPMENT ARE BEING UNDERTAKEN IN VARIOUS BODIES WITHIN AND WITHOUT UN SYSTEM FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION OF RESOLUTION 3362.
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